TAP
TAP..

IT'S STILL WARM.

DID ZOE JUST LEAVE SOME FOOD AND LEAVE AGAIN TODAY?

I WON'T DO ANYTHING BY MYSELF NOW.

I'M GOING TO DO
EVERYTHING WITH YOU.

Winter Woods

AS SOON AS I WOKE UP, I HEADED FOR ZOE'S PLACE THROUGH THE SECRET PASSAGE.

I WAITED FOR HIM THERE.
BUT NO MATTER HOW LONG I WAITED, I NEVER HEARD THE SOUND OF HIS FOOTSTEPS.

THERE WAS NO SOUND OF HIM COMING TO ME....

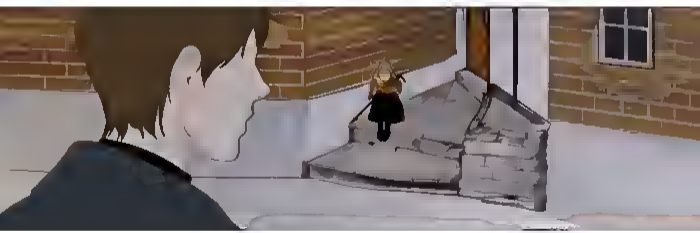
EVEN AFTER RETURNING HOME, I KEPT PACING IN FRONT OF THE DOOR, WAITING.

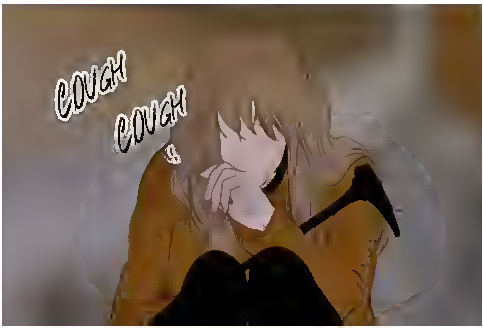
ONLY WHEN MY HANDS AND FEET WERE FROZEN

AND I COULD BARELY FEEL ANYTHING

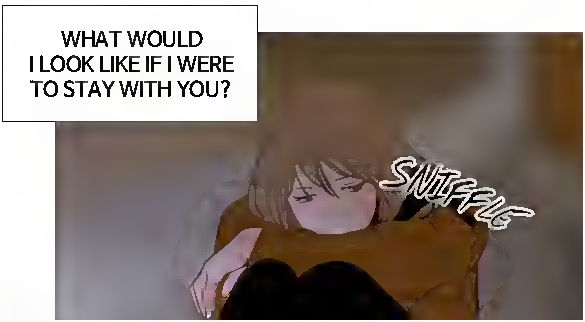
WOULD I FINALLY HEAD INSIDE.

DAY AFTER DAY WAS A SERIES OF WAITING.



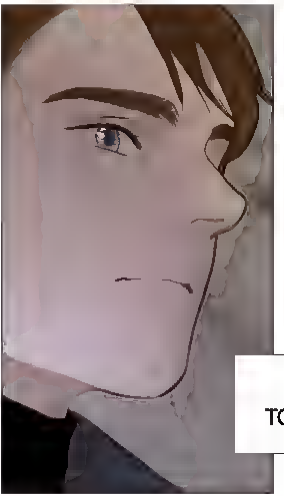

COUGH
COUGH

ADORA.
I KEEP THINKING ABOUT IT.

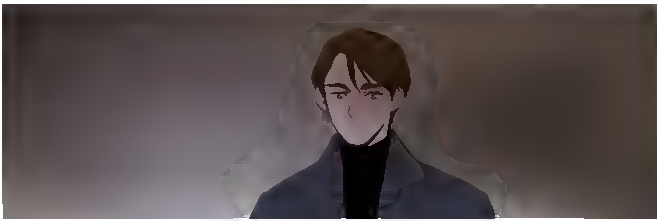

WHAT WOULD I LOOK LIKE IF I WERE TO STAY WITH YOU?
SNIFFLE

WOULD
I BE HAPPY,

OR SAD?


YOU
TOLD ME
THAT YOU
WOULD
HELP ME.

BUT HOW COULD YOU HELP ME?
WHAT COULD YOU DO WITH THAT LITTLE BODY OF YOURS.
YOU CAN'T EVEN GET AROUND PROPERLY WITHOUT THAT CANE....



YOU AND I WERE DESTINED TO BE UNHAPPY FROM THE VERY START.

YOU WILL CHANGE AS TIME GOES ON,
AND I WILL ALWAYS REMAIN THE SAME.....

DIZZY
DIZZY

STUMBLE

FLOP

....!!!

NO.
YOU CAN
CREATE A NEW
REASON.
A HAPPY FUTURE
WITH A HOUSE IN THE
FOREST LIKE YOU
TOLD ME BEFORE!

SUCH A FUTURE IS IMPOSSIBLE
WHAT GOOD WOULD SOME STUPID NEW REASON DO...?

IT'S ALL USELESS
WITHOUT
YOU ANYWAY.

THIS WHOLE THING HAS BEEN PREARRANGED FROM THE BEGINNING.

YOU WILL CHANGE OVER TIME AND EVENTUALLY DISAPPEAR,

AND I...
I WILL REMAIN,
JUST AS I ALWAYS
HAVE...!

BUT LOOK,
ZOE.

YOU'VE
CHANGED A LOT
YOURSELF.

STEP

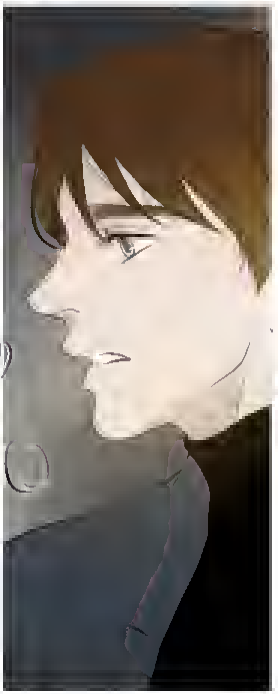
WHAT ON EARTH HAS CHANGED...?
STEP
STEP

ADORA,

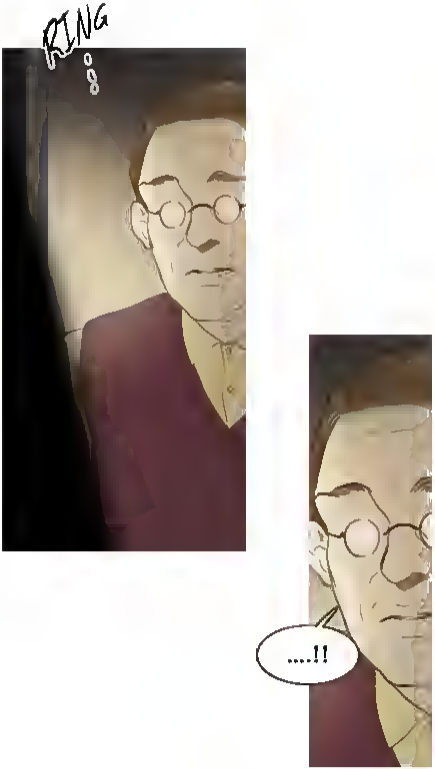
WHAT...

HAS
CHANGED...?

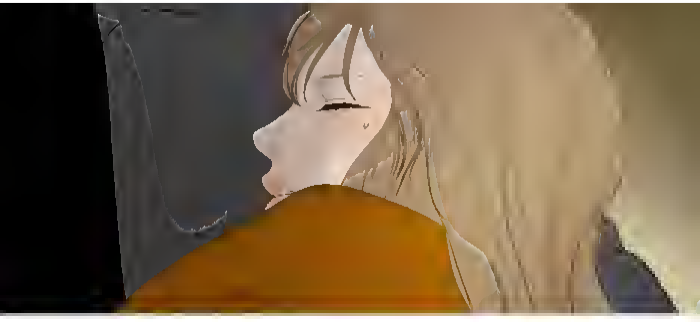
HUFF.
HUFF.

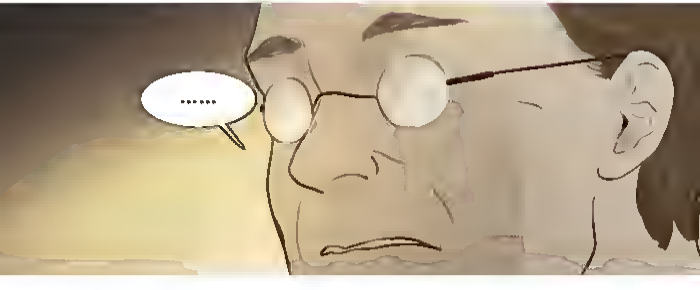


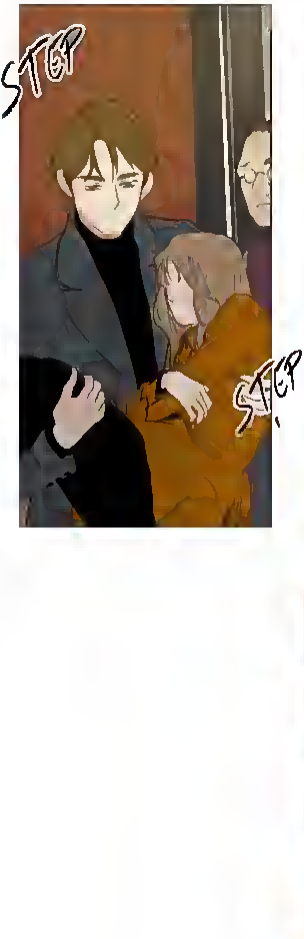
BANG
BANG
BANG

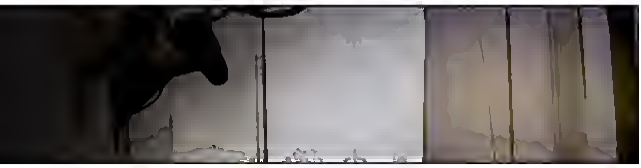

RING
....!!

HUFF
HUFF





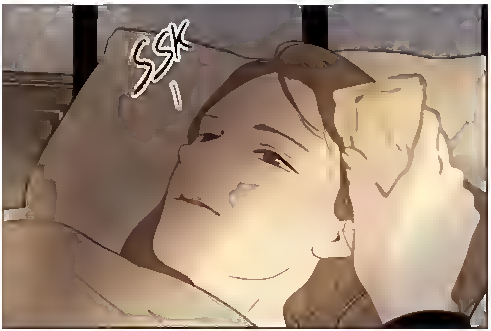

STEP
STEP
STEP



SHE'S GOT A PRETTY BAD FEVER.
PLUS HER HANDS AND FEET ARE COLD. IT LOOKS LIKE A COLD...
BUT WHY DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE?

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS BRING DOWN HER FEVER.
...I DON'T REALLY KNOW ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING.....

I WON'T ASK
WHO THIS GIRL IS
BUT I'M WORRIED.
VERY WORRIED.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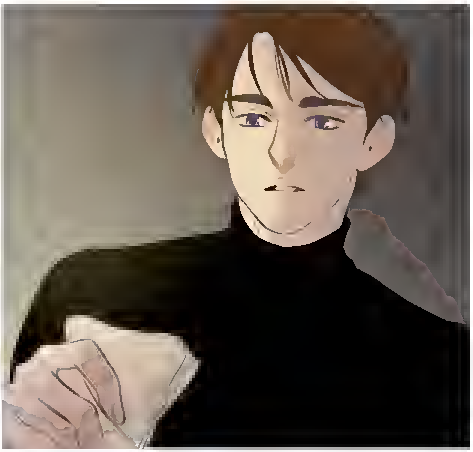


...WHERE AM I...?
JUMP
TAP..
JUMP
...IT'S A PLACE WHERE SOMEONE THAT I KNOW LIVES.
ZOE?

WHY IS IT
THAT YOU ONLY
EVER APPROACH ME
WHEN I'M SICK
LIKE THIS?

I DIDN'T EVEN TAKE A BITE OF THE FOOD THAT YOU GAVE ME.

BECAUSE I WANTED TO EAT TOGETHER.

WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?

I'VE DECIDED NOW.
I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING THAT I CAN DO FOR YOU.
SO I'M GOING TO DO ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING WITH YOU, EVEN THE MOST TRIVIAL LITTLE THINGS.
I'LL HANG ONTO YOU SO PERSISTENTLY THAT I'LL BE A NUISANCE.

...ADORA.
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT A LOT.
ABOUT WHETHER I WOULD BE HAPPY WITH Y-

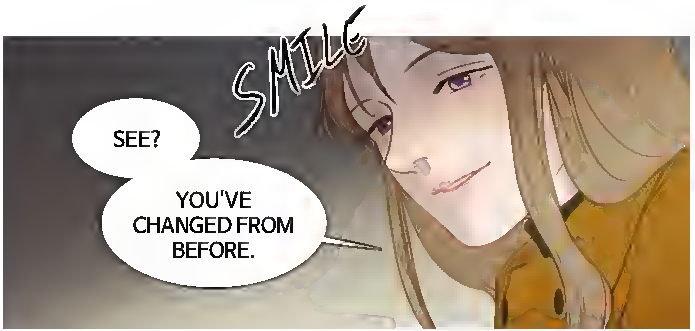
OF COURSE.
YOU WOULD BE HAPPY.

YOU'VE ALREADY CHANGED.
WHAT HAS?

WHAT HAS CHANGED ABOUT ME?
HM.....
WHY DID YOU BRING ME OVER HERE?

BEFORE,
YOU BROUGHT
ME TO WHERE WINTER
AND JANE ARE
STAYING.
.....

I JUST...
DIDN'T LIKE IT.
I WAS ANXIOUS,
AND UNCOMFORTABLE,
ABOUT YOU BEING WITH
SOMEONE ELSE
IN A PLACE
WHERE
I COULDN'T
SEE YOU.
PLUS
I WAS WORRIED
ABOUT YOU...
I HAD THIS
COMPLICATED FEELING
THAT'S HARD TO
DESCRIBE.


SMILE
SEE?
YOU'VE CHANGED FROM BEFORE.

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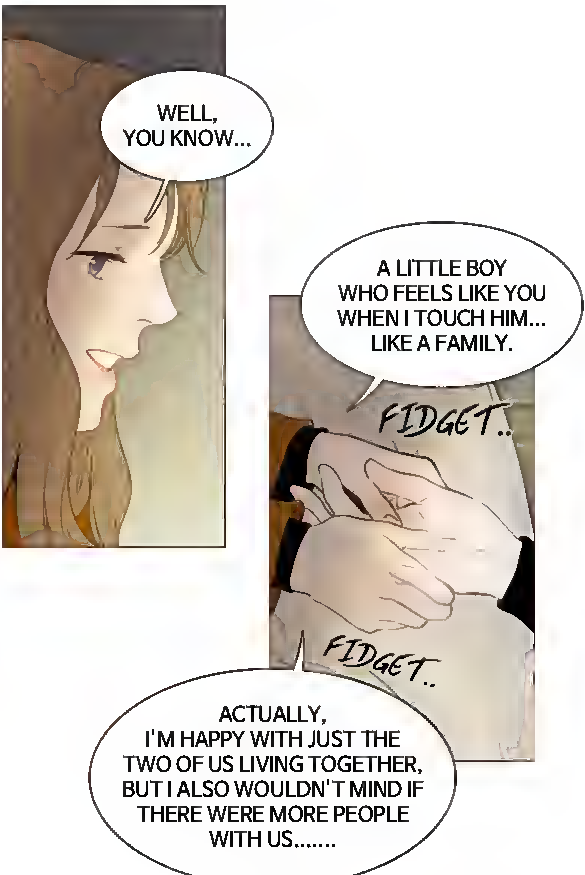
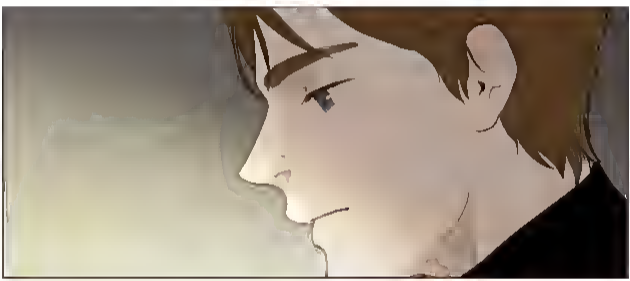
ZOE, LET'S ONLY THINK GOOD THOUGHTS FROM NOW ON.
WE'LL ONLY DREAM OF BEING HAPPY TOGETHER.
WHAT KIND THING DO YOU WANT TO DREAM?


WELL,
YOU KNOW...
A LITTLE BOY
WHO FEELS LIKE YOU
WHEN I TOUCH HIM...
LIKE A FAMILY.
FIDGET..
FIDGET..
ACTUALLY,
I'M HAPPY WITH JUST THE
TWO OF US LIVING TOGETHER,
BUT I ALSO WOULDN'T MIND IF
THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE
WITH US.....



IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT WOULD MEAN THAT A LITTLE KID IS RAISING AN EVEN SMALLER KID.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
THAT'S NATURALLY WHAT COMES TO MIND WHEN I IMAGINE US LIVING TOGETHER.
NATURALLY....

RIGHT
NOW...

I'M PROPOSING
TO YOU.

Winter Woods

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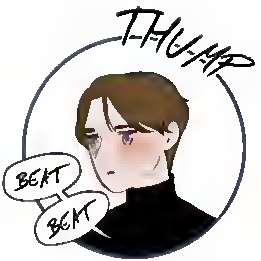

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